Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant Program

This information is subject to change since the final guidance is not expected to be released until September 1, 2007

Quick Facts

- A grant of $25,012,521 has been allocated to Virginia.

- At least 80% of the Virginia allocation must go to localities.

- A 20% match is required and can be in-kind contributions. The match requirement does not apply to training costs.

- No more than 20 percent of overall allocation to be used for training.

- The Virginia Department of Emergency Management will serve as the State Administrative Agency (SAA).

- Each state is limited to 10 overall investments which must support the Statewide Plan for Interoperability.

- Service-based and software-based interoperability solutions are eligible for funding .

- Local agencies cannot apply for or receive grant funds directly; however, local agencies can receive funding from its SAA through the pass-through process.

- Final grant guidance is expected by September 1, 2007.

PSIC Grant Program Overview

The PSIC Grant Program is a formula-based, matching grant program intended to enhance interoperable communications with respect to voice, data and/or video signals.

Virginia is required to submit an Investment Justification for each proposed PSIC investment (project). A maximum of 10 Investment Justifications will be accepted per State or Territory.

Virginia will use regional focus groups in the seven Regional Preparedness Advisory Committee (RPAC) regions to assist in the awarding process. The focus groups will identify prioritized project suggestions to the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC). The SIEC will then make recommendations to the Governor's Office of Commonwealth Preparedness for submission.

Please visit the Interoperability in Virginia website www.interoperability.virginia.gov and navigate to the grants page for more information on regional meeting times and locations.

For additional information please contact the Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator's Office at 804-692-0137 or cico@governor.virginia.gov

Key Deadlines for PSIC Grant Program

- July 18, 2007—NTIA and DHS jointly announce funding allocated for States and Territories.
- August 22, 2007 (30 days after publication in the Federal Register) —States and Territories submit application and brief narrative.
- October 1-31, 2007—Regional meetings in RPAC regions to identify regional priorities
- TBD (Pending final guidance release)—submit finalized Statewide Plans.
- TBD (Pending final guidance release)—submit Investment Justifications.